

RAILWAYS AND THEIR HELP TO CITY

Have Given Town a Union
Depot and Many Splendid
Parks—More to Follow.

SOUTHWESTERN AND G. H. ARE ACTIVE

El Paso's railroads have played a prominent part in the transformation of the city. It was the railroad lines entering the city of the pass which first gave the Mexican town on the river its impetus, and these same railroads have been acting in the upbuilding and beautifying of the city ever since they were built.

The first big move made by the railroads to take El Paso out of the small town class was their cooperation to build a union station. The result of this cooperation is seen in the magnificent union station at the foot of San Francisco street, the finest west of St. Louis and the envy of every other Texas city. Not only is the station the largest and most commodious, but the service furnished by the railroads acting jointly in the operation of the station gives visitors to El Paso a lasting impression of the city.

The railroads did not stop at the erection of the union station. The El Paso and Southwestern system has erected one of the finest office buildings in the country for its general offices in El Paso and has beautified the surrounding park site to make it pleasing to the passengers on the limited trains which pass through El Paso every day.

Always as progressive as the city itself, the Southwestern is arranging to wreck the buildings on the site adjoining its office building and will make another park right in the heart of the city, which will be as valuable as a breathing place as San Jacinto plaza, worth as much to the city as Central Park is to New York.

The G. H. & S. A. has also awakened to the value of beautiful grounds surrounding its properties and this company has made two parks surrounding the Stanton street station and has changed the appearance of this former eyesore to an attractive tract of grass with cement curbing.

The Santa Fe and the Texas and Pacific when they were running trains into their own stations established grass plots and lawns at their terminal grounds and even since these roads combined to enter the union station, the little green spots in the railroad reservations have been maintained by the men and are still little beauty spots in the sea of sand and tracks.

SELLS VALLEY FARM, BUYS SMALLER TRACT

Upper valley land has already begun to move because of the order to deposit the money and proceed with the building of the Elephant Butte dam. Gen. G. A. Smyman has sold 160 acres near Berino to L. C. Barlow, of Carlsbad, for \$20,000. The sale was made by P. M. Jacobs through the Loomis Bros. agency. Another sale was made through the same medium to Gen. Smyman, who purchased 120 acres in the same neighborhood for \$14,400.

POURING FIFTH STORY
OF EL PASO SKYSCRAPER.
The fifth floor of the enlarged Roberts-Banner building is now being poured and the only remaining part of the building to be added is the roof supports and the roof proper. An idea of how the plaza is going to look with the new skyscrapers hanging it may be had from the Roberts-Banner, which is slowly creeping above the skyline of buildings surrounding it.

OREGON APARTMENTS NEARING COMPLETION

North Oregon street is shifting its skyline as rapidly as some of the busier streets down town. The Linden apartment house facing the Carnegie plaza has been completed with the exception of the interior finish and decoration. The apartment house, which Mrs. Marlin is building on the corner of Arizona and Oregon, is also under roof and is rapidly nearing completion.

Although the sale of the property adjoining the Hadley block, between Franklin street and the Southwestern tracks, was supposed to have been bought for an investment by George Look, it is anticipated that another transfer will be made and a business block erected on the site of the two story brick building which now occupies that property.

MAKING ROOM FOR TALLEST BUILDINGS IN THE CITY TWO SKYSCRAPERS

Hollow eyed after the wreckers had taken the windows from its El Paso and San Antonio street fronts, the old Fewel building is rapidly disappearing before the picks and shovels of the wrecking crew which is demolishing the old El Paso landmark.

The wrecking work began Friday and it is expected to have the ground cleared and ready for the excavation work before the end of another week.

The plans for the new Fewel building, ten stories high, have been completed, the contract for the steel work has been let and the builders will be ready to pour concrete before the first of June.

A rough pine shack is being built right down town in the business district. It is in the street and faces San Jacinto plaza, too, but major Haggart, city building inspector, is not losing any sleep over this violation of the building ordinance.

The building is to be the office of the H. L. Stevens company, which has the contract for the Anson Mills building, and is being built on the Oregon street side of the plaza corner.

The wreckers have almost completed the work of demolishing the old building and removing the last traces of the structure. The construction company will take possession Monday and begin the additional excavation necessary for the basement.

WIDENING NEW STREET RAPIDLY

Many New Buildings to
Mark Completion of Open-
ing of San Antonio Street.

LOOK TAKES OUT BUILDING PERMIT

Street widening operations are again under way on west San Antonio street. The remaining part of the old Columbia hotel building is being wrecked and the Eastern Grill restaurant building will be demolished as soon as Mar Chew vacates Monday. The Gem saloon will also be demolished before the first of June. The new street will then be paved and lighted from El Paso street through to the union station.

Meantime, several handsome new structures will be built along the new street. O. H. Baum will erect a five-story structure, and George Look will convert the old Vogue building on the corner of the new street and El Paso street, into a three-story structure.

A building permit was issued to Look Friday to rebuild this building with rooming apartments upstairs. The building will cost \$18,500.

Steel for the new Look building is being unloaded and the frame of the old structure has been torn away to permit the third floor to be added to it. The Look structure will be practically a new building.

STRONG BUILDING RECORD FOR WEEK

Permits for Structures Estimated to Cost \$241,130.
Daily Record.

During the week just ending building inspector S. B. Haggart issued 18 permits for the construction of buildings the estimated cost of which is \$241,130, compared with 16 permits for the previous week, the value of the buildings for that period being only \$17,225. During the past week in addition to the permit for the Mills building, which is to cost nearly \$201,000, there is one permit for a \$19,000 building issued to George Look.

Activity in the real estate market was also marked during the past seven days, the sales recorded amounted to \$93,656, compared with \$68,705 for the week preceding, showing a considerable gain.

It is expected that May will show up well in advance of any other month of the present year, and will increase the receipts of the building inspector's office. When Mr. Haggart was appointed, there was not a sufficient income to pay his salary, but of late the receipts have, in addition, paid the salary of his assistant Ted Bartlett, and leaves a small surplus.

TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ENLARGE OFFICES

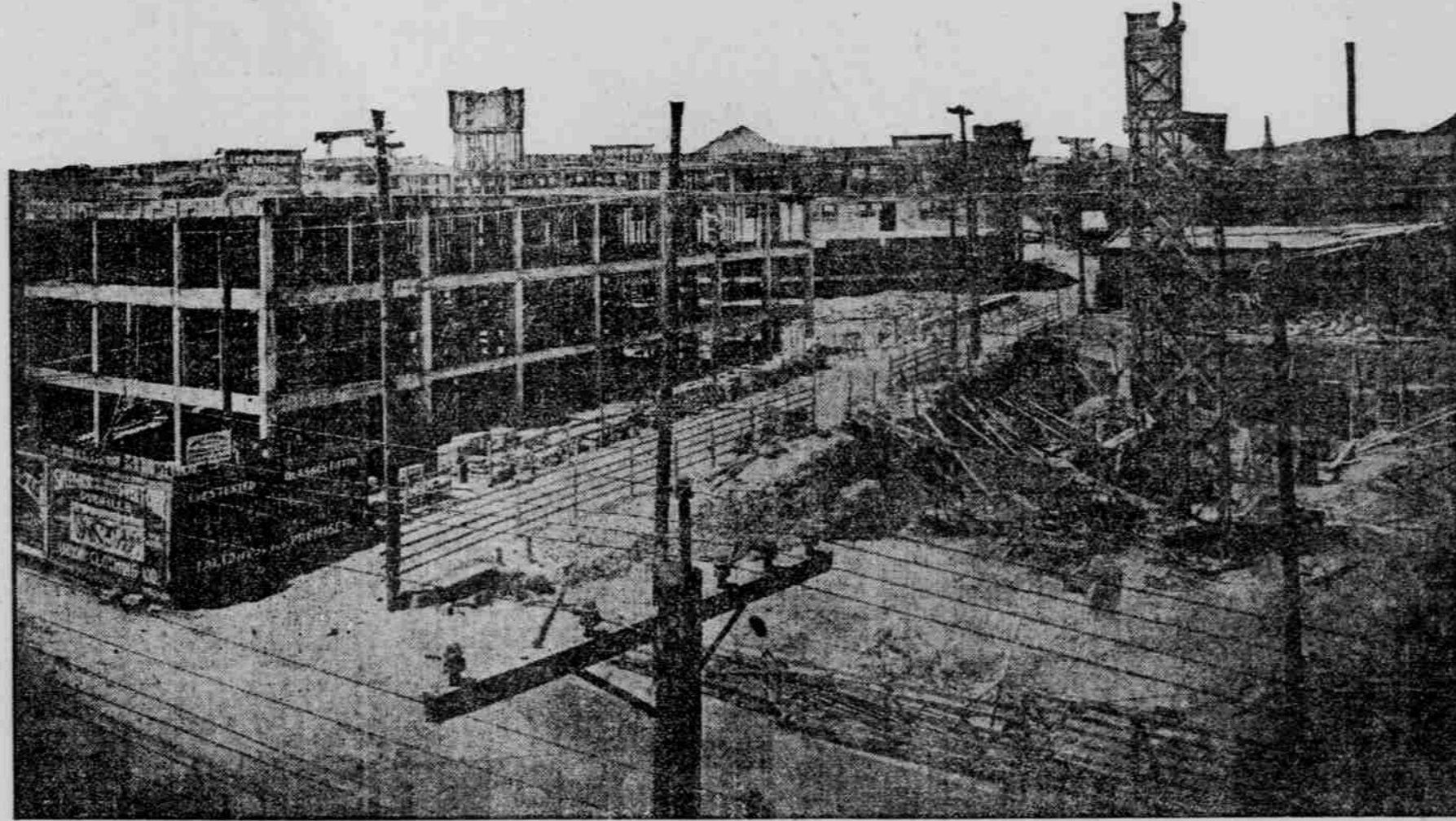
The Tri-State Telephone and Telegraph company is planning to build an addition to the present plant of the company on Texas street to cover the ground recently purchased. The building will include a storage department for the supplies of the long distance and local lines and will also afford general offices for the company's officials.

LOOK BUYS OREGON STREET PROPERTY

George Look has bought the block just north of the Southwestern tracks from Francis Parker, of San Diego, Cal. This block includes the storeroom now occupied by the Pass City Electric company, the National Cash Register company and also by the Royola rooming house on the second floor. The price paid for the property was \$21,000.

STRONG DEMAND FOR VALLEY LAND

The Activity In One El Paso Block



Birdseye view of the three story and basement store and office building, and warehouse of the Krakauer, Zork & Moyer Co., and the two-story and basement Schutz building, under construction on San Francisco street, extending back to Main street. All these buildings are of reinforced concrete, fire proof, and all are being erected on a sufficiently heavy foundation to carry other stories in the future.

TRYING HOLLOW TILE IN FLOOR

New Method of Construction
on the New Schutz
Building.

A combination of hollow tile and reinforced concrete is being used in the composition of the Schutz building floor. This is the first time the building tile, the product of the New Mexico brick yards, has been used with concrete as a floor material in El Paso and the work of pouring the floor is being watched with interest by builders.

The tile is laid in the form of girders over the concrete boxes and the steel reinforcing is placed between the rows of tiles. Over this is poured the reinforced concrete to a depth of one and a half inches. The combination floor is said to be both cheaper and lighter than all concrete floors, such as have been poured in other buildings in El Paso.

DAILY RECORD.

Deeds Filed.
Chihuahua street, from Overland to Second street, Mills map.—H. L. Howell to J. V. Macintosh, east one-half block 45, Mills map; consideration \$4300; May 26, 1910.

Bassett addition and Highland Park.—Castulo Delgado to Joseph H. Goodman, lot 24, block 42, Bassett addition, lots 6, 7, block 1, Highland park; consideration \$750; April 15, 1910.
Campbell addition and Highland Park.—Castulo Delgado to Joseph Goodman, lot 4, block 114, Campbell addition, lots 8, 9, block 1, Highland park addition; consideration \$1800; Dec. 27, 1909.
Frankfort street, between Russell and Lowell streets, Altura park.—Altura Realty Co. to A. L. Kinsey, lots 11, 12, block 46, Altura park addition; consideration \$10; dated March 31, 1910.

Rampart street, between Orient and Hutton streets, Golden Hill.—R. E. Plummer and wife to Frank D. Don, lot 9 and north 5 feet of lot 8, block 2, Golden Hill addition; consideration \$2700; May 18, 1910.

South Kansas street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, Campbell addition.—Juan L. de Jaloma and wife to Louis Jean and Apollino L. Rojas, strip of land one foot wide, fronting on the north of lot 7, block 35, Campbell addition, on south Kansas street; consideration \$55; May 13, 1910.

Northeast corner Montana and Newman streets.—Thomas S. Parker and wife to T. W. and J. S. Lanier, 37 feet on the corner of Montana and Newman streets; consideration \$20,000; May 14, 1910.

Montana street, between Dallas and William streets, Franklin Heights.—Day M. Shannon and wife to J. H. Hill, lots 23, 24, block 73 Franklin Heights addition; consideration \$2000; May 5, 1910.

Sierra Blanca, Tex.—John H. Ezell to Mrs. Mary Morrison, lot 18, block 38, Sierra Blanca, Tex.; consideration \$25; May 17, 1910.

Vineyard Valley tract.—J. W. Eubank et al to Herlinda Harrison, tract 10, block 5, Vineyard tract; consideration \$250; April 14, 1910.

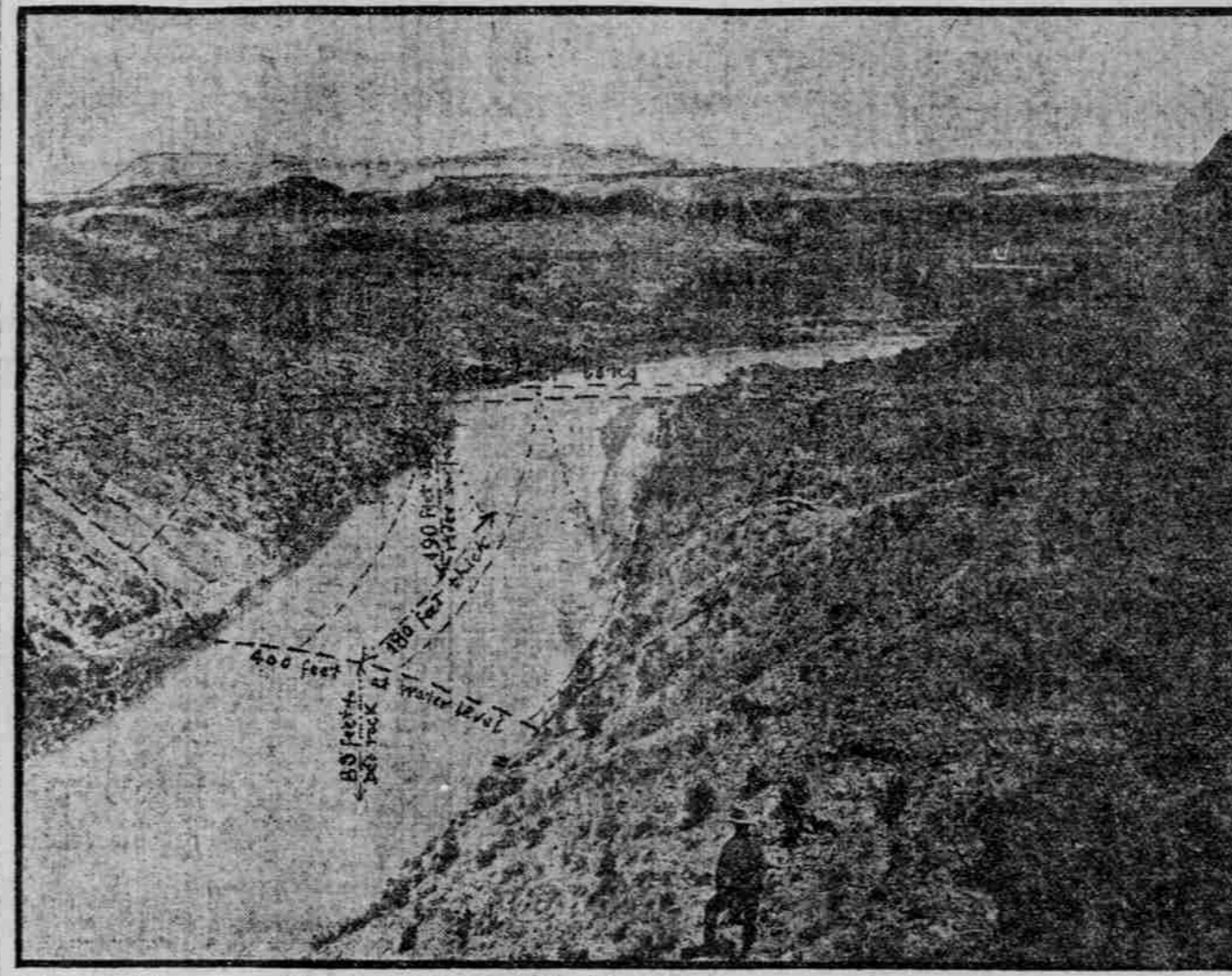
Southeast corner Brown and Nevada streets, Franklin Heights.—Fred B. Wilder and wife to Benjamin M. Cowan, lots 1 and 2, block 87, Franklin Heights addition; consideration \$1550; April 30, 1910.

Southeast corner Brown and Nevada streets, Franklin Heights.—Benjamin M. Cowan to Thomas M. and J. D. Mayfield, lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, block 87, Franklin Heights addition; consideration \$1, March 11, 1910.

Boracho, Tex.—J. W. Bates, trustee, to W. M. Manning, lot 9, block 37, Boracho, Tex.; consideration \$30, January 28, 1910.

Building Permits.
To George Look to build a three-story business and rooming house building, 51x124x42 feet, on property formerly occupied by the Vogue at southwest corner of San Antonio and south El Paso streets; estimated cost \$19,500.
To Celso Perez to erect one-story building at northeast corner of San An-

SITE OF ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM WHERE 30,000 HORSEPOWER WILL BE DEVELOPED



The dotted lines give an idea of what the dam will be like. Every mesa, mountain and hill seen in the picture beyond the crest of the dam will be submerged by Lake B. M. Hall, the great storage reservoir, except a few little peaks that will become islands in the lake. The dam mountains in the far distance are 30 miles away; the waters of the lake will extend around the point at the left and 10 miles further beyond the extreme limit of vision in this picture, which itself embraces 30 miles of valley and mesa.

TRI-STATE COMPANY BUYS UP LAS CRUCES TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

The Tri-State Telephone company has taken another Southwestern telephone exchange. The Cruces plant, owned by W. E. Baker, has been purchased by the Tri-State company.

It is understood that the price paid for the plant was \$20,000 and includes the local exchange at Las Cruces and the toll line connection with El Paso.

The new company will probably improve the plant, together with those in other parts of the southwest and a new franchise will be asked for from the Las Cruces town board in order that the extensions of the service and the new plant may be installed at once.

tonio and El Paso streets; estimated cost \$100.

To Marcos Castillo to build an adobe residence, 18x14x12 feet on east Canal street, between Eucalyptus and Willow streets, Bassett addition; estimated cost \$75; lot 21, block 19.

To Antonio Gomez to build an adobe residence, 28x14x11 feet on Michigan street, between Eucalyptus and Willow streets; estimated cost \$25.

To J. D. Love to build a five room brick residence, 50x23x20 feet, northeast corner Rio Grande and Newman streets, Franklin Heights; estimated cost \$2200.

Births.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lew Jackson, 1918 Oklahoma street, girl, negro, May 16, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rogue Borunda, Stevens avenue, boy, Mexican, May 11, 1910.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ontiveros, 1213 Kansas street, girl, Mexican, May 17, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marcos B. Castillo, 1007 south St. Vrain, girl, Mexican, May 18, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Herndon, 3316

Bisbee street, boy, American, May 15, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Urcas, near union station, boy, Mexican, May 17, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Chavez, 526 1/2 5th street, boy, Mexican, April 19, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlap, 5029 Pera street, boy, American, March 24, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rogue J. Ortiz, 1018 south Oregon street, boy, Mexican, May 18, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fisher, boy, American, May 10, 1910.

Licensed to Wed.
Juan Javala and Maria Perella.
Juan Torres and Magdalena Quirones.
Antonio Maleff and Louisa Terrazas.

JUDGE BUCKLER BUYS HOME.

Judge Julius A. Buckler has purchased the home of Frank J. Williams at 1504 Montana street through the Newman & Son agency, and will probably occupy it as a residence. The price paid for the property was \$7500 cash and the deal was closed Thursday.

GREAT DAM IS AT LAST ASSURED

Work Will Be Under Way
Inside of Thirty Days, and
Possibly Sooner.

COURT ONLY HAS TO AFFIRM VERDICT

Government Has Ordered
Money Deposited to Pay
for the Land Needed.

There was a notable increase during the close of the week among inquiries for valley lands, among real estate men.

This activity followed the announcement in The Herald Wednesday that the secretary of the interior had ordered work to begin on the Elephant Butte dam immediately on confirmation by the court of the award made by the commissioners appointed to set a price upon the land necessary for the Elephant Butte dam site.

It will be but a few days at most until the court takes formal action on the appraisal, to either confirming the award or cutting it down, and ordering the land condemned. It is said to be the intention of the owners, the Victorio Land and Cattle company, to appeal from the decision, but many do not believe that such an appeal will be made, as they consider that the price awarded is excessive.

Anyhow, whatever the price, this will not delay the dam. The government, on the urgent solicitation of the water users of the upper and lower valleys has ordered the \$200,000 at which the land was appraised, set aside to pay for it and, as soon as the court enters the order, the work will begin.

W. N. Reed, supervising engineer, and James A. French, construction engineer in charge of the dam project, are already getting their forces in shape so that there will be no further delay when the word comes to make the dirt fly. It is stated that the Santa Fe railway has already placed the order for the steel necessary to lay the 13 miles of track from Eagle into the dam site, and that the steel will be on hand and ready to put down by the time the government teams can get the grading done. Then the government will begin to take in the heavy machinery, much of it from the dam at Roosevelt, Ariz., and to haul the cement and get things ready for active construction work.

The big dam will occupy seven or eight years in construction, but long before it is completed, it will have impounded sufficient water to supply the demands of both valleys and it is believed that in five years it ought to be doing service. It is a foregone conclusion that inside of 30 days the dirt will be flying, maybe much sooner.

The dam will be the largest in the world and will form the greatest artificial body of water on the continent. It will be sufficient to impound the entire flow of the Rio Grande for three years, and, counting for evaporation and the water that will be taken out each season for the crops in the valleys, the engineers estimate that it will be 15 years before the great lake, which will be over 40 miles in length and will completely obliterate five New Mexico villages, will be completely filled.

The dam will irrigate 225,000 acres of land above and below El Paso, and the cost will be paid by the land owners receiving the benefit, one payment to be made in 10 equal annual installments.

HILL AND RIVER STREET
RESIDENCE WILL COST \$3104
Ponsford Bros. are building a six room cottage on the corner of Hill and River street for A. H. Anderson. The cottage is of pressed brick and will cost \$3100 when completed.

BURNED BRIDGE RESULT ON
A. & M. ROAD—THEATER OPENS.

Clifton, Ariz., May 21.—The bridge on the Arizona & New Mexico railway, between Guthrie and Clifton, which was destroyed by fire, temporarily tying up the traffic, has been repaired and the line is again open. The road had sufficient equipment on the lower end of the line to continue their regular train service by transferring passengers and baggage at the bridge. Freight service only was delayed.

The new Alhambra theater on the east side has been opened under the management of Wm. Kelly and W. Hampton.

ODD FELLOWS WILL ERECT FOUR STORY BUILDING HAVE AUDITORIUM

An assembly room having a capacity of 500 people with a gallery and speaker's platform is what the Odd Fellows lodge is planning for its new building on north Oregon street, adjoining the Y. M. C. A.

It was originally planned to have the second floor of the new Odd Fellows' building arranged for offices, but the lodge building committee has decided to make the entire floor an assembly room, where public meetings can be held.

As the need for such a place is great in El Paso, the demand for the Odd Fellows' hall is expected to be a constant one, as it is now often necessary to lease a theater or get permission to hold a public meeting in a church.

The first floor of the Odd Fellows' building will be devoted to business rooms and dormitory with billiard and pool tables, reading rooms on the plaza front of the building and the dormitory in the rear. An electric elevator will run between the first and fourth floors.